

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1110
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SHIFTING OF PATNA AIRPORT
KANTI SINGH

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Bihar has requested his ministry to shift the Patna Airport from the present location in view of the fact that the same is within the proximity of Raj Bhawan and other VIP residential areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any action has been taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) :- In pursuance of recommendations of Court of Inquiry of Alliance Air B-737 accident, the Government of India have considered construction of a Civil Enclave at Behta Air Force Station, Patna. After discussion with Ministry of Defence Indian Air Force Government of Bihar and Airports Authority of India it was felt that the State Government should consider possibility of providing additional land at Patna Airport for runway extension or alternatively land for construction of a new runway. If both these options are not possible, the State Government should consider providing 100 acres of land free of cost for construction of Civil Enclave and upgradation of runway / other facilities at Behta Airport. State Government should also strengthen and widen national highway No.30 from Patna to Behta for smooth flow of traffic.